

Remarks

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 were rejected under either 35 USC §101, 102(b) or 103(a) in view of a variety of prior art references, standing alone or in combination. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue said claims in a continuing application. Thus, the rejections noted in the Office Action are rendering moot.

Claim 7 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but allowable if the claim were to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 has been so rewritten.

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the references cited in the IDS, alone or in combination with the art cited in the Office Action, anticipate or make obvious the invention as recited in claim 7.

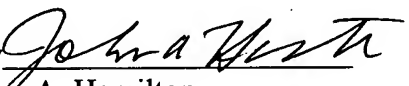
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing claims cancellations and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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